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LB 1106

motion by Senator Rupp to return LB 1106 to Select File for a specific amendment. You now have the entitlement to close.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. President and colleagues, I won't take long, but this is a most important vote on I think what is probably the most important piece of water legislation that we have had before us in modern times, maybe ever. I'll borrow a phrase that Senator Vard Johnson always uses, that is a rush to judgment, and I feel that there is a rush to judgment on this bill in this body. I would ask you to ask yourself if you understand this bill. If you really truly think you understand everything that is in here by all means oppose this return to Select File. I have probably here the only clean copy of this bill on the floor and I have it because I requested it late Friday evening when I was first able to get it. Up until this point everybody that has responded to this bill or talked about it has talked about well are we on the green copy or are we on the white copy or are we on the two handfuls of amendments that go with this bill. I have a clean copy here if anybody is interested in it, 55 pages. If you can truthfully say that you understand it and are aware of all of the implications that is fine, I can't. I have no intent to kill the bill contrary to what Senator DeCamp said, it is just a good faith attempt to give ourselves four months next session to look at this thing and to digest what the experts in this field come up with in the interim to take a good close look at it. Not with a rush to judgment, February 15th effective date, which we all know we are not going to be able to do anything with it in the haste of a reorganization. I guess I would just close with the old adage that if you act in haste you repent in leisure. I'm fully admitting for the record that I don't understand everything that is in here and I think a vote on the board will show just how many of us feel that we understand it. I would urge you to return the bill to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote on the motion to return the bill to Select file for the specific amendment.